

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Multi District Proposed Projects – Special Use Permits

Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District Special Use Projects
Baldwin White Cloud Ranger District

Description of Decision

The decision will be to issue a 10-year special use permit to Verizon North, Inc. for the continued location, operation and maintenance of a fiber optic line across National Forest System (NFS) lands. No new ground disturbing activities or disturbance outside the existing authorized area will occur.

The area to be authorized is approximately 1.91 acres (8,336' long by 10' wide); described as follows and shown on the attached maps:

County			
Township/Range	Section	Aliquot Part	Length
Mason County			
T20N, R18W -----	35.....	SE¼ SE¼	314'
	36.....	S½ S½	4,748'
Sub Total Length			5,062'
Oceana County			
T21N, R15W -----	17.....	W½ W½	2,646'
	18.....	NE¼ SE¼	628'
Sub Total Length			3,274'
Total Length			8,336'
Length	x	Width	= Square Feet / 43,560' =
8,336'	x	10'	= 83,360 / 43,560' =
			Acres
			1.91

The decision will be implemented through issuance of a special use authorization that will meet the requirements of the decision and Forest Service regulations. Forest Service regulations require the applicant to: pay any necessary fees, post any necessary bonds; and secure any state or federal permits or authorizations required by law.

Verizon North Inc. will be required to pay an annual special use fee since they do not qualify for a fee waiver in accordance with 36 CFR 251.57(b).

Purpose of Decision

In November of 2000, the Huron-Manistee National Forests authorized Verizon North, inc. through a special use permit (SUP), the authority to construct, operate and maintain a fiber optic line across National Forest System lands. The SUP issued to Verizon North, Inc. expired on December 31, 2010, and this decision would reauthorize the fiber optic line for another 10-year period.

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Baldwin White Cloud Ranger District

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